

19-699 Special School Districts

Agency Description

The Special School Districts is an educational service agency (R.S. 17:1943) administered by the Louisiana Department of Education with the approval of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) serving in the capacity of the governing authority.

The mission of the Special School Districts is to provide special education and related services for eligible children with exceptionalities who are enrolled in state-operated mental health facilities (R.S. 17:1951), and to provide educational services to children in privately owned juvenile correctional facilities (R.S. 17:1987).

The goal of the Special School Districts is to ensure that eligible students will receive instruction and services to enable them to participate in meaningful life activities.

The Special School Districts has three programs: Administration and two Instruction (SSD#1 and SSD#2).

BESE has also directed that the Louisiana School for the Deaf, the Louisiana School for the Visually Impaired, and the Louisiana Special Education Center report administratively through the State Director of the Special School Districts. Increases in number of staff, number of students, and funding levels are due to increases in the population of eligible students who reside in state operated juvenile correctional facilities, and the addition of duties related to privately operated juvenile correctional facilities.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$15,570,922	\$16,855,988	\$16,877,401	\$17,343,594	\$17,744,626	\$867,225
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	4,111,133	4,989,677	4,989,677	5,143,434	5,036,915	47,238
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Dedications	0	0	0	139,115	139,115	139,115
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$19,682,055	\$21,845,665	\$21,867,078	\$22,626,143	\$22,920,656	\$1,053,578
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration	\$1,051,664	\$1,239,974	\$1,239,974	\$1,320,985	\$1,471,174	\$231,200
Instruction - SSD #1	14,000,412	15,385,250	15,406,663	15,952,367	15,407,773	1,110
Instruction - SSD #2	4,629,979	5,220,441	5,220,441	5,352,791	6,041,709	821,268
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$19,682,055	\$21,845,665	\$21,867,078	\$22,626,143	\$22,920,656	\$1,053,578
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	30	30	30	30	30	0
Unclassified	374	374	374	374	374	0
TOTAL	404	404	404	404	404	0